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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ' JULY 4  
MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD  
TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES  
THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG  
CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE.

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GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI, FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ' TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT FORD DATED JULY 4, 1975:

HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. GERALD FORD,  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

I AM PLEASED TO SEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE UNITED STATES, IN MY NAME AND THAT OF THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE, MY CORDIAL GREETINGS AND SINCERE WISHES FOR THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR NATION AND FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS. I AVAIL MYSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY ON THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY CONVICTION THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA WILL BECOME EVEN MORE CLOSE IN THE FUTURE. ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, MY SENTIMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ESTEEM.

ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN  
PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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